What's Up Jock?

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YOU CAN'T LOOK BACK! The season is more than half complete for the Augustana Viking football squad, and there has not yet been much cause for celebration. However, with four games remaining, Augie should find its luck improving. We have faced the two tough North Dakota teams, who own approximately two-thirds of the converence victories notched thus far this season, and have proved our worth by playing superbly. Although we suffered a demoralizing setback at the hands of the SDSU Jacks, it is the hope of this writer that the lessons learned from that game will be indelibly etched upon the memories of the players. If they can recall the utter embarrassment of that defeat, it should be enough to alleviate a recurrance.

But those three gridiron battles are behind us now. We have the majority of our NCC schedule ahead of us. The Vikings have mustered their confidence in themselves (which is very important), have made several adjustments at key positions, and should be ready to ignite into the **best** team we have had here in a good many years at Augustana.

The NCC is termed a very even conference, as on a given day any team is capable of defeating any other team. The Augie "eleven" has been called by a few very knowledgeable sources as being the "Sleeping Giant" of the conference. It is this writer's prediction that this week will see the "Giant" not only come out of its long slumber, but that it will do so in such an explosive manner that it will continue to become one of the dominant teams in the future of the NCC!

With all the controversy that occurs in today's world, it is refreshing to know that a one-time "very controversial issue" has lost its controversy. Of course, this writer is referring to the KAUR radio station that finally began operation during the week of Oct. 8. Those students who have been around as long as this editor will remember how the idea of a few "dreamers" became reality in two long, struggling years. Remember how badly the station needed funding, and how nearly every organization in the local vicinity was asked to donate? When that was not enough, the Augie students had to pick up the tab in for form of a **forced** payment of a minimal sum during registration (\$3 in 1971 and \$25 in 1972).

It would not have been beneath those involved in the decision of making "donations" mandatory for the student body to inform us of the fact prior to the actual commitment. It was unethical in the opinion of this reporter and slightly reminiscent of tyranny in the form of "taxation without representation." It was rectified through the rationalization of the supporters of KAUR who claimed that the radio station would be another of Augustana's continuing programs of "educational opportunity" for students. It would be beneficial to those interested in the broadcasting media and would suffice to become a "learning experience." No one can really quibble about a paltry \$8 in two years to further the cause of "educational opportunity."

But, KAUR supporters have once again created a gap in their own credibility. After taking great pains to set up a schedule of personnel (through screening procedures, interviews and tests), the Augie radio station embarked upon the first week of its "learning experience." By Thursday of that same week, one of the KAUR "student broadcasters" was informed that he had "flunked" after his first chance at an hour-long program and could no longer have a radio show at that time period. If that is "giving Augie students the opportunity to learn," there is something definitely lacking in the curricular program here on campus.

If this writer were told that he had failed a course after his very first class meeting, he would soon be knocking on President Balcer's door with a more than valid complaint. This writer fails to see the difference between an extreme like the afore-mentioned example and the crime perpetrated upon the student in question.

Although the student who was denied the opportunity to "learn to become a good broadcaster" will not pursue the issue, this reporter feels that the issue needs pursuit. The issue is not wholly whether this person should be allowed to have his show back, it lies in the amount of control that the KAUR advisors have over the whole KAUR program (it was an advisor who "recommended" the demise of the student's chance to learn).

There are two possible courses of action open to students who feel that the action taken by KAUR was unjust.

- To demand reinstallation of the student who was "fired" to his original time slot with a concurrent reduction of the power held by the advisors in the future.
- To demand the return of all money that students were forced to donate to the KAUR program.

If the first course of action is not accomplished, then the second should be implemented. The students have as much to say about our radio station as any of the advisors. Augie students, if you feel as this writer does about this situation, make yourselves known now!



Coach Ralph Starenko and Tri-Captains Jim Johnson, Dan Dehnicke and Dan Moen provide leadership for the Vikings.

Vikings Fall to Bison

by Mark Stryzewski

Augustana carried a 24-14 lead into the final period of play last Saturday at North Dakota, but the Vikings failed to come up with the win. The Bison were able to rally back for 26 points in the fourth quarter to capture a 40-24 victory and save their position as co-leader of the NCC.

The Vikings began to seriously falter five minutes into the fourth quarter when a Dave Zelinsky aerial was intercepted. The Bison scored 90-seconds later on a 12-yard touchdown pass from Don Sieverson to Mike Pueston. Sieverson circled his own right end for the game-tying two-point conversion with 8:30 remaining.

A 40-yard field goal put NDSU up on top 27-24 with 5:17 remaining.

A pair of late touchdowns secured victory for the Bison, and put an end to Augustana's hope for their first conference victory.

Augie utilized the wind throughout the second quarter and collected 17 points to overcome a 14-point first quarter deficit. They increased their lead to 10 on a 55-yard halfback option touchdown pass from Steve Schultz to Mike Klinedinst.

Late in the third quarter an Augustana goal line stand held the Bison on the Vikings' oneyard line. In order to kick from the 20 rather than punt from their own end zone into the wind, Zelinsky dropped back into the end zone and let himself be tackled for a safety. From this point on the tide turned in favor of the Bison.

Defensive linebacker and signal caller Jeff Fisher stated,

"It's just one of those things that happen. We start making mistakes and things go to pieces. The wind was a real psychological factor, and I feel we could have won if we had had the wind."

All 64 points scored during the NDSU homecoming game were made with the benefit of a 20-mile-per-hour wind.



